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**EPA monitoring grant opportunity**

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Cc: Eddie Moderow <Eddie.Moderow@tceq.texas.gov>

Tue, Mar 8, 2022 at 3:39 PM

Good afternoon Ms. Alderton,

It was nice visiting with you this morning about the Hispanic Access Foundation's proposal for EPA grant funding for the placement of Purple Air sensors in El Paso and Pharr. As we discussed, TCEQ is available to provide information and answer questions related to our regulatory air monitoring network, our experience with Purple Air sensors, and any ongoing air quality initiatives along the Texas-Mexico border. I have copied Mr. Eddie Moderow, head of TCEQ's Border Affairs Team, on this email so that you will have his contact info. Eddie and his team are engaged in a variety of air quality initiatives along the border, including air monitoring projects on both sides of the border. Should the Foundation be awarded grant funds for this project, please feel free to reach out to either of us if we can assist your organization.

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Tue, Mar 8, 2022 at 5:09 PM

Thank you so much! I look forward to hearing from Eddie at his convenience and do hope Hispanic Access Foundation will win funding so that we can work together in the future.

Sincerely,  
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**Eddie Moderow** <Eddie.Moderow@tceq.texas.gov>

Tue, Mar 8, 2022 at 6:25 PM

To: Ellen Alderton <ellen@hispanicaccess.org>, Richard Chism <Richard.Chism@tceq.texas.gov>

Cory, thank you for the virtual introduction.

Dear Ms. Alderton, thanks for reaching out and I look forward to potential collaboration. I'll e-mail you separately to discuss your proposal – and then bring Cory back in as needed in the future for technical expertise.

Sincerely, Eddie

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Tue, Mar 8, 2022 at 6:33 PM

To: Ellen Alderton <ellen@hispanicaccess.org>

Dear Ms. Alderton:

My team currently manages a binational project using ~40 purple air sensors sited at schools and industrial areas. It's not fully vetted and yet unpublished, but here is a video highlighting the project (please do not share yet with others):

<https://youtu.be/0LnRtDiNg-Y>



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Here is the project website for the [same project using low cost sensors in the Paso del Norte](#).

What is your connection to the Texas border? Are the Texas sites a subset of a larger project? Could you share a brief summary of what your project would look like?

We typically work in the El Paso region on air quality topics based on current pollutant levels. The rest of the Texas border, including the lower Rio Grande Valley, has some of the better AQ in the state.

Have you heard of Village Green? We are considering installing one of the monitoring park benches in El Paso. I attached a project report by EPA for reference.

Sincerely, Eddie

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Tue, Mar 8, 2022 at 11:35 PM

Dear Eddie,

Thank you so much for getting back to me and for sharing information about your exciting project!

Our project, if funded by the EPA, would install only 12 PurpleAir devices at 12 Latino churches across the country -- in Idaho, Illinois, So Cal, Las Vegas, Pharr Texas and El Paso. My organization, Hispanic Access Foundation, has long-standing partnerships with these and other Latino churches and we work together for various environmental justice/advocacy projects. This is the first air monitoring project we've attempted.

I haven't heard of Village Green before.

Having watched your video (which I won't share), I think our churches around the country could benefit from learning about your Juarez/UTEP project and the benefits and limitations of using low-cost monitoring equipment. Could we invite a member of your team to present virtually to our churches at some point near the

beginning of the project (slated to commence this November if we win funding)?

Best wishes,  
Ellen

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